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In re Application of: Vermin et al.
Application No. 09/787,004
Filed: May 23, 2001
For: DAIRY PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

- Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$410.00 (enclosed).
- Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

No additional claim fee is required.

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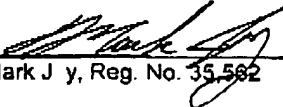
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 6, and 11-14 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for preparing a dairy product comprising the steps of:
- (a) adding a lactose-negative, food-technologically acceptable micro-organism to a medium comprising milk or a milk product;
 - (b) ripening said micro-organism under aerobic conditions; and
 - (c) bringing the resulting product under anaerobic conditions such as to have aromas of the ripening strain formed.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 in which the dairy product is sterilized.

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